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**Nine Books Are Finalists for the 10th Annual Library of Virginia Literary Awards**

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(Richmond, VA) -- The Library of Virginia and the Library of Virginia Foundation are pleased to announce the finalists for the 10th Annual Library of Virginia Literary Awards. The finalists were chosen by an independent panel of judges from 128 books nominated for the awards. The winners will be selected from among these finalists and announced at a gala celebration on October 20, 2007, at the Library of Virginia.

The Library of Virginia's annual literary awards were inaugurated in 1997 to recognize the best books published the previous year by a Virginia author or in the case of nonfiction on a Virginia theme. "The Library has been thrilled at the positive response to the Literary Awards program from writers as well as the general public," Librarian of Virginia Sandra G. Treadway commented. "The program and the annual Literary Awards Celebration event have grown tremendously during the past ten years and have made people much more aware of the amazing literary talent associated with our state." This year's awards celebration will highlight not only Virginia's most contemporary authors but also the writings of Virginians throughout the state's 400-year history.

The finalists for the best work of **fiction** by a Virginia author are:

Richard Bausch	<i>Thanksgiving Night: A Novel</i>	HarperCollins Publisher
Deborah Eisenberg	<i>Twilight of the Superheroes</i>	Farrar, Straus and Giroux
Cary Holladay	<i>The Quick-Change Artist: Stories</i>	Swallow Press/Ohio University Press

Honorable mentions in the fiction category go to:

Valerie Trueblood	<i>Seven Loves: A Novel</i>	Little, Brown and Company
Steve Watkins	<i>My Chaos Theory: Stories</i>	Southern Methodist University Press

The finalists for the best **nonfiction** about Virginia or by a Virginia author are:

Donna Lucey	<i>Archie and Amélie: Love and Madness in the Gilded Age</i>	Harmony Books
Charles F. McGovern	<i>Sold American: Consumption and Citizenship, 1890–1945</i>	The University of North Carolina Press

Scott Reynolds Nelson	<i>Steel Drivin' Man: John Henry, The Untold Story of an American Legend</i>	Oxford University Press
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The honorable mention books in the nonfiction category are:

Joan E. Cashin      *First Lady of the Confederacy: Varina Davis's Civil War*      The Belknap  
Press of Harvard University Press

Lorraine Gates Schuyler      *The Weight of Their Votes: Southern Women and Political Leverage in  
the 1920s*      The University of North Carolina Press

The finalists for the best in **poetry** by a Virginia author are:

Camille T. Dungy      *What to Eat, What to Drink, What to Leave for Poison: Poetry*      Red Hen  
Press

Elizabeth Hadaway      *Fire Baton: Poems*      The University of Arkansas Press

Joshua Poteat      *Ornithologies*      Anhinga Press

The honorable mention in the poetry category goes to:

Jane Ellen Glasser      *Light Persists: Poems*      University of Tampa Press.

The winners of the fiction, nonfiction, and poetry awards will be announced on Saturday, October 20, 2007, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the 10th Annual Library of Virginia Awards Celebration Honoring Virginia Authors & Friends. The winners of the People's Choice Award, sponsored by James River Writers, also will be announced that evening. Winners will receive a \$3,000 monetary award and a crystal replica of a book. Tickets are available at \$75 per ticket. For ticket information, please call 804-692-3900.

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